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14738, 75 MOSCOW 16117, 75 MOSCOW 17337,

1. WHILE "PUBLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES"
IS AN IMPROVED ATTRIBUTION LINE AS FAR AS EMBASSY IS CONCERNED,
WE CONTINUE TO FEEL MORE EXACT ATTRIBUTION WOULD BE LESS
SUSCEPTIBLE MISINTERPRETATION.

2. EMBASSY REMAINS OF OPINION DISTRIBUTION DIALOG SHOULD BE
BASED ON PRACTICE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. WE REITERATE
OUR DESIRE LEARN MORE PRECISELY WHAT SOVIET EMBASSY DISTRIBUTES
AND HOW. IT IS OUR GENERAL UNDERSTANDING THAT PUBLICATIONS
SOVIET EMBASSY DISTRIBUTES ARE PRODUCTS OF NOVOSTI, TASS, OR
OTHER AGENCIES SOVIET GOVERNMENT. PLEASE INFORM. IF THIS TRUE,
DISTRIBUTION OF USIA PUBLICATIONS WOULD BE AN EXACT PARALLEL, FOR
WHICH THERE IS LOCAL PRECEDENT IN DISTRIBUTION USIA ENGLISH-
LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS (AS DIALOG, ECONOMIC IMPACT, HORIZONS,
PROBLEMS OF COMMUNISM, AND OTHERS), WHICH CIRCULATE WITHOUT
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UNTOWARD COMMENT.

3. COMPILATION MATERIALS ON SOVIET LAWS AND REGULATIONS REGARDING DISTRIBUTION FOREIGN INFORMATION MATERIALS (PARA 2 75 USIA 30769) WOULD BE USEFUL. ALSO REITERATE AND UNDERLINE EMBASSY'S WISH HAVE FULLEST POSSIBLE DESCRIPTION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM USED BY SOVIET EMBASSY AND ATTRIBUTION FOR EACH ITS PUBLICATIONS. UNABLE TO LOCATE MATERIALS SENT PER 75 USIA 22316 AND WILL APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES.

4. IF STRAIGHTFORWARD ATTRIBUTION TO USIA IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE VERSION AGENCY PUBLICATIONS STILL CONSIDERED UNDESIRABLE, WOULD ACCEPT ATTRIBUTION TO US GOVERNMENT, WITH ADDITION TO IMPRIMATUR AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE EDITORIAL OFFICE: "DIALOGUE," 1776 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20547 UNQUOTE.

5. IN ANY CASE, SUGGEST TIME MAY HAVE COME RE-EVALUATE REASONS FOR NOT IDENTIFYING USIA IN IMPRIMATURS OF RUSSIAN LANGUAGE PRINTED MATERIALS INTENDED FOR DISTRIBUTION IN SOVIET UNION. EMBASSY ASKS STATE/USIA COMMENT.

6. IN SUM, EMBASSY PREFERS STRAIGHTFORWARD ATTRIBUTION TO USIA, BUT WILL ACCEPT ATTRIBUTION TO U.S. GOVERNMENT, IF FORMER STILL CONSIDERED UNDESIRABLE, WITH ADDITION TO ATTRIBUTION AS PER PARA 3 ABOVE.

7. THOUGH USE OF GUM LABELS MAY DRAW UNWELCOME ATTENTION TO MATTER, CONSIDER THIS RISK PREFERABLE TO CONTINUATION OF ATTRIBUTION LINE WHICH HAS ALREADY DRAWN UNWELCOME ATTENTION. THEREFORE, EMBASSY WILLING UNDERTAKE TASK AFFIXING LABELS TO RECENTLY ARRIVED DIALOG NO. 2 BEFORE DISTRIBUTION.
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